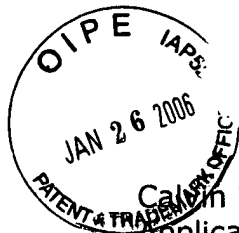


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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FOR CLEANING GUTTERS

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Response

Responsive to the Office action of July 28, 2005, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 13-15.
Amend Claim 16:

- 1 --16. (new claim) A method for a workman to use when cleaning gutters three
- 2 inches wide and three inches deep and having a plurality of spikes spaced
- 3 approximately four feet apart, the method including the steps of:
- 4 a) providing the workman with a long rod, a short rod and a scoop for the
- 5 workman to carry with him while cleaning a gutter,
- 6 i) the long rod and the short rod each having a rake on one end
- 7 and a hoe on the other end,
- 8 ii) the long rod being at least twelve feet in length and of a
- 9 diameter enabling the workman to extend the long rod and its
- 10 rake or hoe under a plurality of the spikes,
- 11 iii) the short rod being of a diameter and length enabling the
- 12 workman to extend the short rod under only those spikes too
- 13 near the workman for effective use of the long rod,